

the Los Angeles City Schools Championship. Many of his students went on to collegiate and professional success.

Included in Coach Springer's accolades, championships, achievements, and awards was a life achievement award from the California Scholastic Federation.

Coach Springer retired in 1983 and became an avid fisherman. He was already an avid family man and friend.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in honoring Hank Springer for his positive impact on student athletes and in mentoring them to be as competitive in their studies as they were on the field. In addition, I know my colleagues join me in extending our condolences to Doris, their sons, Mark and Brian, and to all who called Coach Springer a friend.

Godspeed, Coach.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I regrettably missed rollcall vote 961 (H. Res. 738). Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall 961: "yes."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE VETERANS FIRST FOUNDATION ON RECEIVING THE 2007 ADVOCACY AWARD

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, whereas, the dedicated people of the Veterans First Foundation provide a vital public service; and

Whereas, serve the veterans of Ohio admirably; and

Whereas, the volunteers who serve the organization selflessly give of their time; and

Whereas, the Veterans First Foundation has a long history of serving the community; be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Veterans First Foundation for its unwavering commitment and dedication to the veterans of Ohio. Congratulations to the Veterans First Foundation for their selection to receive the 2007 ADVOCACY award from the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities.

RECOGNITION OF WORLD FOOD DAY

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, today we celebrate World Food Day, a day to focus on global food security. In the city of Des Moines, a very significant observance of World Food Day will take place—the first Iowa Hunger Summit. Representatives from many hunger fighting organizations from across America will join hundreds of Iowans in a day-long focus on increasing efforts to eliminate malnutrition, poverty and human suffering.

This event will be the first of a week-long series of World Food Prize programs and events that will draw individuals from more than 60 countries for an in-depth discussion of the global challenges facing biofuels and bio-renewable energy.

Joining all of these events will be Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Congressional Gold Medal recipient, who is credited with saving a billion lives through the green revolution. Dr. Borlaug is an Iowa native and the founder of the World Food Prize, who returns each October to his home state to present the \$250,000 award which has become known as the Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture.

I am very pleased that Iowa's Governor, Chet Culver and our three immediate past governors Robert D. Ray, Terry Branstad, and Thomas Vilsack plan to attend the summit. I am proud to see our Iowa leadership come together for such a worthy common cause—ending world hunger.

That was why I was so pleased to join with other members of the Iowa Congressional Delegation as we worked to get Dr. Borlaug the Congressional Gold Medal, America's highest civilian honor.

I ask members of both parties to join with me in a World Food Day commitment to help reduce hunger both at home and abroad. In doing so, we will be honoring Dr. Borlaug's legacy and supporting the important work that is taking place at the Iowa Hunger Summit in Des Moines.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN C. MACAULEY ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend and constituent John C. (Jack) Macauley on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday. Jack has dedicated most of his adult life to serving his country and his community. It is with great pride and respect that I join in recognizing Jack's accomplishments and celebrating this amazing milestone.

Jack Macauley was born in Brooklyn on October 23, 1917. Like so many young men of his generation, he enlisted in the military in March 1943 and was assigned to duty in the 17th Airborne Division, 513th Parachute Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion. Jack served with distinction and was ultimately promoted to platoon staff sergeant. During his tour of duty in the European theatre, Jack participated in the Battle of the Bulge and Operation Varsity, fought in the German Rhineland and throughout Central Europe and, during a critical campaign, parachuted into Wesel, Germany. Jack was honorably discharged on October 20, 1945 after earning his Paratrooper Wings, Combat Infantryman Badge, three Silver Stars, a Bronze Arrow, Purple Heart, Bronze Star and a Presidential Unit Citation.

After serving with distinction in the Army, Jack returned to the United States to continue his service to his country. In 1946, he joined the New York City Police Department where he was eventually promoted to Detective, Second Grade. In the course of 20 years of service in the NYPD, Jack was recognized for outstanding performance on many occasions,

earning him the Combat Cross, three Honorable Mentions and thirteen other citations. Jack's career in the police department was highlighted when he was voted "Policeman of the Month" in November of 1953.

Jack retired from the New York City Police Department in 1966 and took a civilian job as a manager with the United States Postal Service, where he served with pride until his retirement in 1981.

Jack is fortunate to be married to Cecelia Marr Macauley. Together they've had three children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Earlier this year, Jack attended the final reunion of the 17th Airborne Division as part of a "Farewell to a Distinguished Association". Jack joined many of his surviving brothers in arms to celebrate the heroism and accomplishments of the 17th Airborne and all of the brave men who served our Nation during World War II.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I rise in this chamber to honor my good friend, Jack Macauley, for a lifetime of heroism and accomplishment and to wish him well as he celebrates his ninetieth birthday.

NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2895) to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families:

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 2895, the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007. I am extremely pleased to see this legislation, which will help thousands of low-income individuals and families, be considered by the House.

I praise the goals of this legislation, and thank Chairman FRANK and his staff for the hard work and advocacy on behalf of the families that will benefit from the funding of clean, safe, and healthy environments in which to live. One of the goals of this legislation to produce, rehabilitate, and preserve 1.5 million affordable housing units over the next 10 years is extremely important to not only those families who will benefit from the improvements, but also to our nation's economy and productivity.

Individuals and families that have adequate housing can focus their efforts on work and raising their families, instead of worrying about the state of disrepair of their house or housing unit. Homeownership exemplifies the American Dream. This dream is increasingly difficult for many to realize, even after years of hard work and strife. The National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act will assist those individuals who may have believed homeownership to be out of reach by helping them with down payments and other costs associated with first-time home buying.